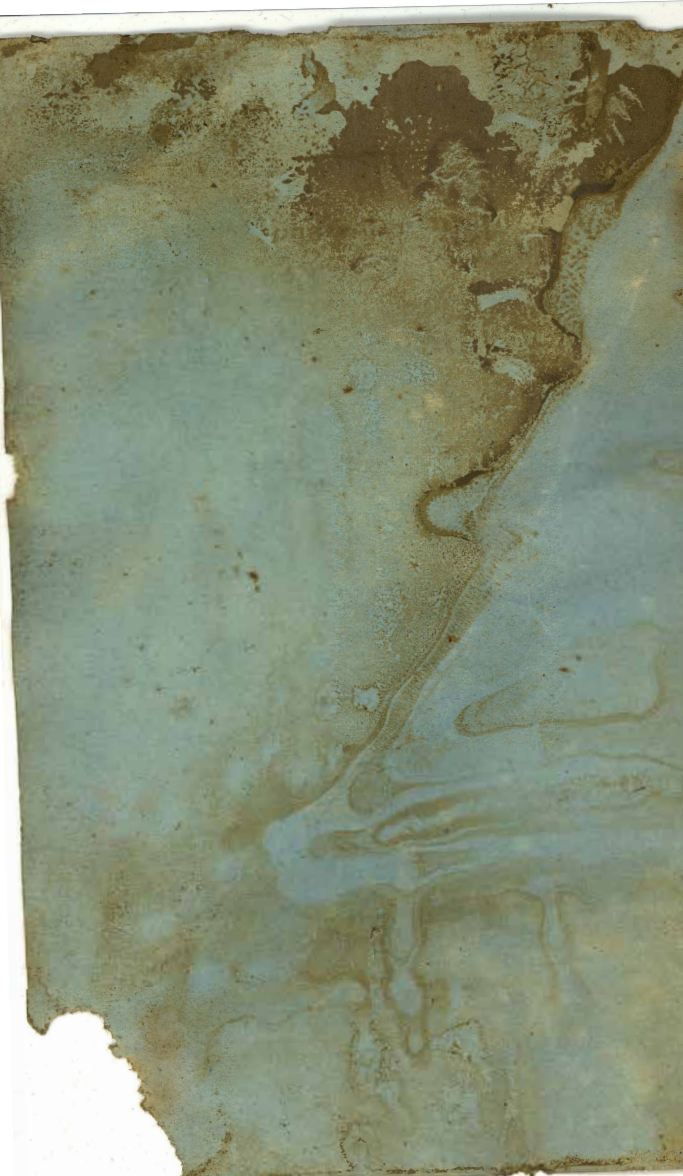

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FRIDAY MORNING

1. Services introduced by Elder Wm. Hall, prayer by Bro. Bill Shepherd. Then came Elder Alex Stephens and preached the introductory sermon from first chapter of Romans, 20th verse: "So that they are without excuse."

2. Delegates from sister churches composing New Hope Association assembled at the school-house. A short exhortation by Elder A. J. Stephens and prayer by A. J. Stephens. Rules of Decorum read by the clerk and the moderator advised a strict compliance to same.

3. Appointed to keep order while the association is in session was Bro. Will Music.

4. Moved and seconded: Brothers, to-wit: Bro. Dave Johnson, Bro. Richard Wills, Bro. A. G. Holbrook were appointed to see that the stand be occupied by ministers of our faith and order.

5. Letters called for from sister churches composing New Hope Association. Letters read and received and delegates seated, to-wit:

Sugar Loaf—Elder Lon Childers, Bro. John Hurd. Bro. Jim McSurley were delegates.

Prestonsburg—Elder A. J. Stevens, Bro. Newt Shepherd. Bro. Jim Harris were delegates.

East Point—Elder Pharis Music, Bro. George Price. Bro. Hi Shepherd were delegates.

Chestnut Grove—Bro. Milt Holbrook, delegate.

Little Union—Elder T. J. Smith, Bro. Bill Shepherd. Bro. Roy Childers were delegates.

Little Rock—Bro. Wash Holbrook, Elder Nero Whitaker were delegates.

New Hope—Elder B. W. Craft, Elder Wm. Hall, Elder Alex Stephens were delegates.

6. Moved and seconded and received the named churches and delegates.

7. By voice of the delegates Elder B. W. Craft was chosen moderator and Elder Lon Childers assistant, Elder Alex Stephens, clerk, T. J. Smith, assistant clerk.

8. Called for new churches and received Little Dove Church, Bro. Wm. Shepherd, Bro. Johnnie Hall, Bro. George Goodman were delegates. The moderator gave them the right hand of fellowship and they were received in full fellowship in New Hope Association.

9. Called for correspondent letters and received as follows:

Paint Union by the hands of Elder Sandy Phillips, Elder Frank Armes, Elder Theodore Williams. Letter received and messengers seated by and they were received in full fellowship in New Hope Association.

Iron Hill, Elder J. A. Hughes Elder Dave Sturgill. Letter received and messengers seated by the moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Olive. Elder Ali Ward, Elder W. G. Clark, Elder S. S. Owens. Letter received and messengers seated by moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Zion, Elder Elzie Banks, Ide Preston, Bro. Wm. Preece. Letter received and messengers seated by the moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Mt. Zion, Bro. Andrew Rickey received as messenger by the moderator giving him the right hand of fellowship.

Bethlehem, Elder Sam Likens, Elder Ollie Tombkins, Elder Garfield Maynard. Letter received and messengers seated by moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Moved and seconded to send letter and messengers to the named corresponding associations.

Moved to seat transient ministers of our faith and order, to-wit: Elder J. H. Conley, Elder Charley Pelphrey, Elder A. B. Deman, Elder W. H. McKinney, Elder Guy Preston, Elder Roscoe Lemaster, Elder J. J. Prater, Elder Therman Ferguson, Elder Dennis Williams, Elder Tip Preston, Elder Lee Coburn.

10. Following brethren were appointed to write corresponding letters to the correspondent associations, to-wit: Elder Wm. Hall to Paint Union; Elder Nero Whitaker to Iron Hill; Elder Lon Childers to Bethlehem; Elder A. J. Stephens to Olive; Bro. Jim Harris to Mt. Zion; Elder Pharis Music to Zion.

11. Committee appointed on Bill of Arrangement, to-wit: Elder T. J. Smith, Elder Lon Childers, Elder Wm. Hall together with the moderator and clerk.

12. Moved and seconded to erase Elder A. J. Wright's name from our ordained list.

13. Moved to adjourn until 9 a. m. tomorrow.

SATURDAY MORNING

1. At 9 a. m. the delegates composing New Hope Association met the the schoolhouse and singing Zion's songs and a short exhortation by Elder Preece and prayer by Elder Preece.

2. Roll called and a quorum present.

3. Bill of Arrangement read and received and committee discharged.

4. Letters to the correspondent associations read and received and messengers appointed to bear same.

Paint Union—Elder T. J. Smith, Elder Alex Stephens, Bro. Bill Shepherd when convened with Hood's Fork Church, Lawrence county, Ky., commencing on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1938.

Iron Hill—Elder T. J. Smith, Elder B. W. Craft, Elder Alex Stephens when convened with Antioch Church, Greenup county, Ky., commencing on Friday before the second Saturday in Sept., 1938.

Olive—Elder A. J. Stephens, Elder B. W. Craft, Elder George Goodman when convened with Belle Church, Pike county, Ky., commencing on Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1939.

Mt. Zion—Elder A. J. Stevens, Bro. Jim Harr's, Bro. Newt Shepherd when convened with Grape Creek Church, Magoffin county, Ky., commencing on Friday before the first Saturday in Sept., 1938.

Zion—Elder A. J. Stevens, Elder Lon Childers, Bro. Bill Shepherd when convened with Middle Fork Church, Martin county, Ky., to commence on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1938.

Bethlehem—Elder T. J. Smith, Bro. Hi Shepherd, Bro. George Price when convened with Beech Grove Church, Wayne county, W. Va., to commence on Friday before the first Sunday in Sept., 1938.

6. Our next conference meeting will be held with Little Dove Church, Dwale, Floyd county, Ky., to commence on Friday before the second Saturday in June, 1939, and Elder B. W. Craft, Elder A. J. Stephens, Elder Alex Stephens attend same.

7. Our next union meeting will be held with Little Rock Church, Myrtle, Floyd county, Ky., to commence on Friday before the second Saturday in July, 1939. Elder B. W. Craft, Elder Alex Stephens and Elder Lon Childers shall attend same.

8. By report of our last conference meeting our next association will be held with Chestnut Grove Church, Magoffin county, Ky., beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1939, and the two following days.

9. By voice of New Hope Association Elder T. J. Smith will preach the introductory sermon at our next association and Elder B. W. Craft will be his alternate.

10. Treasurer reports on hand.....	\$ 3.37
Received contributions	\$27.47

Total	\$30.84
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11. Moved to have 500 copies of minutes printed and the clerk superintend the printing and distribution of same to sister churches.

12. Moved and seconded we appoint a committee, to-wit: Elder Wm. Hall, Elder Alex Stephens, El-

der Lon Childers to attend Clear Creek Church, Cynthia Ann Church, New Life Church, second, third and fourth in October, 1938 and advise the brothers and sisters of said churches as to fellowship.

13. By voice of the delegates of New Hope Association Elder Dave Sturgill introduce; Elder Sandy Phillips preach; Elder J. A. Hughes preach tomorrow, it being Sunday.

14. Tender of thanks to East Point Church and the vicinity at large for their kindness to New Hope Association while in session for three days.

SUNDAY MORNING

A large crowd met the brothers and sisters and all singing Zion's songs. Then came Elder Dave Sturgill and introduced the services and offered prayer.

Then came Elder Sandy Phillips and preached from Revelation, 12th chapter and 1st verse.

Then came Elder J. A. Hughes and preached from Hebrews 2nd chapter and 9th verse.

Then came Elder B. W. Craft and closed. The above brethren were wonderfully blessed with the spirit and the fire of Zion broke out for joy in the midst of God's dear children.

OBITUARY

Sister Vicie Simmons

With a sad heart I'll write a short poem. Sister Vicie Simmons passed to the Great Beyond to rest from labor. She lived a Christian life for 10, these

Association of United Baptists, 1938

	By Baptism	By Letter	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Total	Meeting Time	Time of Feet Washing
.....					4	3	105	4 Sat.	4 Sunday July
all,	7	14					21	2 Sat.	2 Sunday June
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.....	9				4		42	1 Sat.	1 Sunday July
.....					1		133	4 Sat.	4 Sunday June
.....	18	16	9	16	22	4	563		

many years in the Prestonsburg Church of United Baptists. Oh, how many times she has been carried up the hill to the old church and how she rejoiced in the Lord. But today in the land of paradise to await the resurrection. Then we will meet to part no more.

Written by a sister and niece,

EMMA STEPHENS.

PREAMBLE AND CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experiences we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon our profession of faith in Jesus Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches, in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and preserve, maintain and keep the rules and orders of an association, according to the following plan or form of government:

Art. 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches, and duly sent to represent in the Association, who shall be members whom they think best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their full fellowship, their baptized, restored, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead, since the last Association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the

churches, nor shall they infringe on the internal rights of any church in the union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of members present.

Art. 6. New churches shall be admitted into our union, who shall petition by letter and delegate, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any church to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall be taken up by the Association.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association.

Art. 11. The churches shall send money by the delegates of each church to pay for printing the minutes of the Association.

Art. 12. There shall be a record book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed for that purpose.

Art. 13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the

Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rises.

Art. 14. Amendments to this form or plan of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they deem it necessary.

Art. 15. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by the will of the majority, except receiving new churches and corresponding with other Associations, which shall be done by an unanimous vote.

Art. 16. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general union of the churches; 2. To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches; 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail at any time to represent themselves at the Association; 5. To appoint any member or members by and with their consent to transact any business which they may think necessary; 6. To withdraw from any church in this union who shall violate the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; 7. To admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat with us in the Association; 8. To adjourn to any future time and place most convenient to the church or union; 9. No minister shall be ordained unless forwarded by a church, and it shall require two or more Ordained Ministers to compose a presbytery for that purpose.

RULES OF DECORUM

Art. 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech, except by the Moderator, till he is done speaking, and shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who has spoken before him or make any remarks on his slips and failures and imperfections, but shall verily state the cause and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light and idea.

Art. 5. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whisper in time of public speech.

Art. 8. No member of the Association shall address another by any title or appellation other than that of brother.

Art. 9. The Moderator shall not interrupt a member till he gives his idea upon the subject, except he breaks the rules of decorum.

Art. 10. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often the the Association requires.

Art. 11. The Moderator shall have the same priv-

ilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but shall have no voice unless the Association be evenly divided.

Art. 12. Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of the rules shall be reprov'd by the Association as it may think proper.

Art. 13. But three members shall take a seat in the Association from each church.

Art. 14. The rules of decorum shall be read by the clerk at the commencement of every Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

We, the churches of Jesus Christ of United Baptists are constituted on the following faith, viz:

Art. 1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Creator of the heaven and earth and all things therein contained.

Art. 2. We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, who is Head and King of His church.

Art. 3. We believe in the Holy Ghost, the Sealer and Applier of the redemption purchased by Christ.

Art. 4. We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are One.

Art. 5. We believe in the scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the infallible word of God, take it for our only rule of faith and practice, and nothing is to be added or taken from it.

Art. 6. We believe in the free atonement of Jesus Christ and that He tasted death for every man and woman upon the terms of the gospel.

Art. 7. We believe that repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are necessary previous to baptism and that immersion is the only right way to administer the ordinance.

Art. 8. We believe that Christ has but one true gospel church and that it will finally persevere through grace to glory.

Art. 9. We believe in the communion of the Lord's Supper, that is, the taking of the bread and wine by the church of Jesus Christ in commemoration of the death and suffering of the Son of God until His second coming.

Art. 10. We believe that feet washing is an ordinance of Jesus Christ and ought to be observed and kept up by His church until His second coming.

Art. 11. We believe in the sum of the moral law as it stands on record in the Book of Exodus.

Art. 12. We believe that Jesus Christ is the first resurrection from the dead and that He lives forever.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the just and unjust.

Art. 14. We believe in the final punishment of the wicked and the eternal happiness of the righteous.

NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES

Elder B. W. Craft.....	Water Gap, Ky.
Elder Wm. Hall.....	Water Gap, Ky.
Elder T. J. Smith.....	Emma, Ky.
Elder R. D. Holbrook.....	Myrtle, Ky.
Elder Alex Stephens.....	Dock, Ky.

Elder A. P.	.....	Dock	Ky.
Elder An	.....	Weeter	Ky.
Elder Co Childers	.....	Emma	Ky.
Elder k McGu	.....	West	Ky.
Elder Harris Hackworth	.....	Middle Creek	Ky.
Elder E. F. Smith	.....	Garrett	Ky.
Elder John D. Musi	.....	East Point	Ky.
Elder Paris Music	.....	Aux	Ky.
Elder S. J. Johnson	.....	Auxie	Ky.
Elder W. K. Bays	.....	Brainard	Ky.

